Subject: Special Features
Posted by lon on Wed, 23 Feb 2005 05:04:25 GMT
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Today's rantis about special features on dvd format films. What';s so special about them? I went through several editions ofthe miniseries version of Dune to catch all the "special features"I missed from watching vhs, And I've seen those Dune showsabout 3 times all the way through. But those special features: bored panel sitting around jabberingabout the future-- one "on tv" named Ray Kurzweil who was stifferthan the warm bodies in the room. Harlan Ellison was so petrifiedwith boredom he was scraping the paper off his bottled water. I remember Ellison in his prime. This was a waste. As anold man (prob'ly 10 years older than me) he looks like one ofrubber faced aliens on those star trek episodes I've beencatching up on. This wouldn't be so bad if it was some fanconvention, but this is part of a video package. Then there was the obligatory interview with the directorand crew who are a self-congratulatory nightmare ofstupefaction. These special features must be a gag and Ihaven't been let in on the joke.t

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Absolutely! The first one I ever viewed about the making of Armageddon was interesting 'cause I'm into the Crafts: folks that make miniatures, pyro-technicians, etc. But hearing even Mel Brooks drone on about Blazing Saddles, a TOP FIVE comedy was stupefying and then watching Airplane with commentary by the writers just ruined it.How about the boring rehearsals with the phony kiss-kissing of "my favorite arranger", Klaus, the overblown schmaltzy-strings guy on Diana Krall Live In Paris?Now I simply ignore them.

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Heh. I suppose in some sense and in this regard, The Buena Vista Social Club _was_ the special feature. It was like a documentaryabout a finished movie that never got made. If that is tooabstruse, I can't help it. Where'd you get all the little guys?

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